Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The wearing o' the green, known thereafter as Saint Paddy's Day, was first celebrated in Boston on March 17, 1737; and,

WHEREAS, When the reed pipes are pipin' and the Irish harps harpin' and the Poteen is flowin' raise your glasses o' green beer to the Emerald Isle and drink to a life of good fortune, good charity and good potatoes; and,

WHEREAS, Today's the day to celebrate the man who brought good-fellowship to Ireland and drove the snakes into the sea; and,

WHEREAS, It's time to wear the shamrock and take to the streets where the pipes are playing and the wee people are dancin' and celebrating the coming springtime; and,

WHEREAS, Today's the day to don your green, grab your shillelagh, tip your green derby and say "Tooraio," because everybody's a little bit Irish on Saint Patrick's Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby wish you the top o' the morning (and the rest of the day to meself) and proclaim March 17, 1982, as

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in South Dakota and encourage all you lads, lassies and leprechauns to join in the emerald green festivities, make a Poteen toast to good health and plant a big one on the blarney stone for me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two.

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE